
HOUSE BILL 1061

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating associate degree pathways for
2 apprentices; adding a new section to chapter 49.04 RCW; adding a new
3 section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

6 (1) Apprenticeships are very rigorous and highly structured
7 programs with specific academic and work training requirements;

8 (2) There is a misperception that apprenticeships are only for
9 noncollege bound students; and

10 (3) The state should expand opportunities for individuals to
11 progress from an apprenticeship to college by creating pathways that
12 build on the apprenticeship experience and permit apprentices to earn
13 an associate degree.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 49.04 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) An apprenticeship committee may recommend to the apprenticeship
17 council that an associate degree pathway be developed for the
18 committee's program.

1 (2) In consultation with the state board for community and
2 technical colleges, the council shall consider the extent apprentices
3 in the program are likely to pursue an associate degree and the extent
4 a pathway could reduce redundancy of course requirements between the
5 apprenticeship and a degree.

6 (3) If the council determines that a pathway would be beneficial
7 for apprentices and assist them in obtaining an associate degree, the
8 council shall request that a pathway be established by a community or
9 technical college as provided in section 3 of this act.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) At the request of an apprenticeship committee and the state
13 apprenticeship council pursuant to section 2 of this act, the community
14 or technical college providing apprentice-related and supplemental
15 instruction for an apprenticeship program shall develop an associate
16 degree pathway for the apprentices in that program.

17 (2) In developing a pathway, the community or technical college
18 shall ensure, to the extent possible, that related and supplemental
19 instruction is credited toward the associate degree and that related
20 and supplemental instruction and other degree requirements are not
21 redundant.

22 (3) If multiple community or technical colleges provide related and
23 supplemental instruction for a single apprenticeship committee, the
24 colleges shall work together to create consistent requirements for the
25 pathway.

26 (4) The community or technical college shall complete development
27 of a pathway within six months of receiving a request.

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